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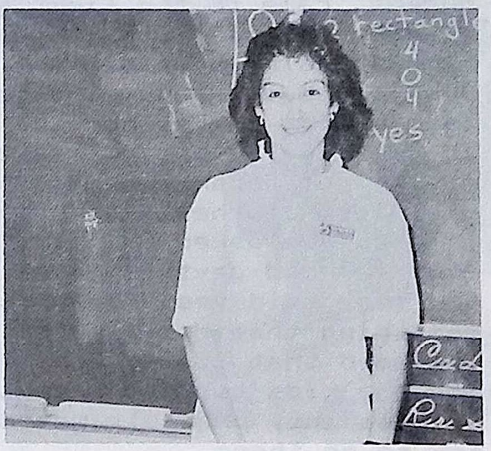
THE GALAXY

The Staff....

THE STAFF

The staff started the newspaper on April 5th, 1988. The staff consists of 19 people. In alphabetical order, they are Ryan Bemrich, Eric Crane, Jenny Flemming, Jeremy Jones, Jaclynn Jutting, David Kaney, Shawna Kearney, Michael Kelly, Jessica King, Travis Lott, Alissa Martin, Jason Miller, Scott Oster, Nicole Petersen, Nick Rush, Eric Varcho, Laura Walker, Jessica Wehlage, and Jeremy Weiss. These people put 110% of their effort into the newspaper. All of us here in 4-A hope you like the paper.

Mike Kelly



AN IMPORTANT VISITOR

We had an important visitor from the Center for Alcohol and Drug Services. Her name is Mary Cay Talbott. She works in the section for prevention of drugs and alcohol. She took the job in July and gets paid. She came to the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade rooms to try to tell us the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Nick Rush

FIRST GRADE

DONNA GOETTSCH

Donna Goettsch, the school nurses, came to the first grade class on January 8th. She didn't come to talk about health, however, but Japan. She taught them how to say mother and father in Japan. She brought a lot of stuff from Japan such as pictures, clothes, and other things. We asked the kids if they learned anything about Japan and they said yes. Here is something that Mrs. Lawler said. She said that it was interesting for the kids to learn about Japan because they probably would never get to go there.

Jessica King

BEAR DAY

March 25th was Bear Day in 1st grade. They did many things like watch movies and read books about bears. They brought bears to school that day. They also did poems, a booklet, and bear headbands. As you can tell, they had lots of fun.

Shawna Kearney

PUTNAM MUSEUM

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The first grade went to the Putnam Museum on April 21st, 1988. Mrs. Borland said that she thought the kids enjoyed going there. When they were there they got to look at things from our country's past. We asked some of the kids if they learned anything and they said they learned about a lot of things. The thing they liked the most was a mummy they saw. They went into a room called the discovery room. In that room they got to touch something that was 200,000,000 years old.

Jessica King

MOTHER'S APPRECIATION DAY

On May 26th, the first graders had their mothers come for Mother's Appreciation Day. The mothers came at 9:00 and left at 10:15. The kids made placemates and plants for their mothers. They all had cookies and punch. The kids say they had a very fun time.

Shawna Kearney

COOKIE DAY

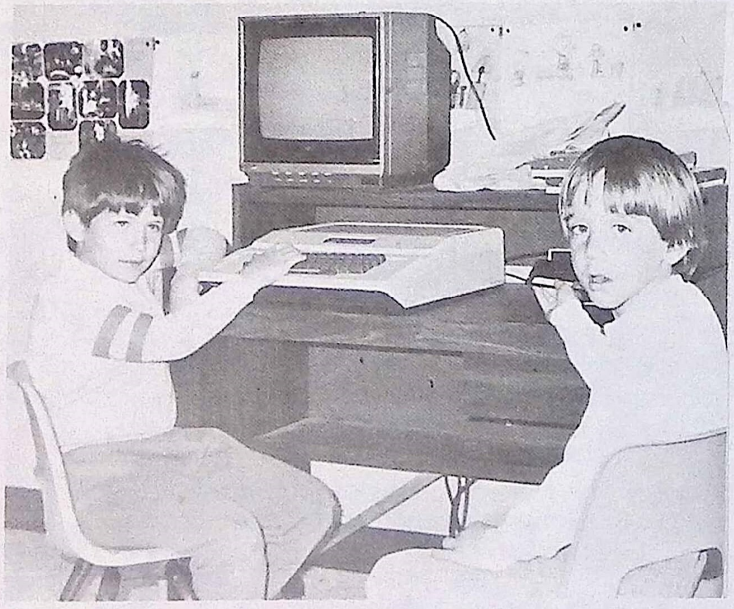
The first graders have a special way of learning about money, baking, and selling; they had Cookie Day. They started making the cookies Thursday, April 28th in the morning at 8:30. The kids thought it was fun making cookies. Yes, they did get to eat one cookie each. They made Snicker-Doodles. They started selling the cookies at 11:30. They went really fast.

Jessica King

VISITING NURSE

The nurse came Wednesday, April 13th. The children in first grade learned to feel more comfortable with the hospital. The kids even got to dress up in hospital clothing. They listened to each other's heart beat with a stethoscope. They even gave pretend shots to Teddy Bears. The kids learned a lot about the hospital. They learned how they use their tools. Joel Kelly said they got to open up Lucy, a doll. They got to see her insides, according to Tiffany Wollers. As you can tell, they had a lot of fun.

Shawna Kearney



SNICKERDOODLES

MR. SQUIRE--COMPUTER EXPERT

Mr. Squire visited the first grade classroom and talked to the kids about computers. He took a computer a part and showed the kids the insides. He put one computer disk in the computer that was his son's vocabulary program. It was used to help study them. The kids enjoyed this visit very much.

Shawna Kearney

STONE'S APPLE ORCHARD

First grade took a special trip to Stone's Apple Orchard. They got to ride through the orchard on a hay rack. They went there on October 1st. They got to eat some of the apples and they go apple cider. We asked some of the kids if they enjoyed going there. They said that they did very much. They got to watch them run the machines which were very loud. They got to see farm animals, also. It was a very educational trip.

Jessica King

ST. LUKES VISIT

The kids in 1st grade said they did have fun when they visited St. Lukes. In case you didn't know, St. Lukes is a hospital. They went in a lot of rooms in the hospital. Half of the first graders visited St. Lukes on the 14th and the other half went on the 21st. Both groups learned a lot from their visits.

Jessica King

DINORSAURS ALIVE

On October 9th, the first grade went to the Putnam Museum to see some dinosaurs and to learn more about them. The kids liked the museum very much. The dinosaurs even scarde some of the kids. The kids made clay figures and stories after their visit. They learned where they lived, what they ate, and what they looked like. The kids said dinosaurs are very interesting. They learned a lot from their visit.

Shawna Kearney

BOOK REPORT DIORAMA

The third grade had another Diorama Contest. This time it was for book reports. Mrs. Storbeck said the reason they've been doing this for 2 years is that it's more fun for the kids and that's the reason they did a diorama instead of a book report. You can look forward to seeing who's the winner since I wrote this article before this year's contest. They plan on doing it in the future for the same reason they are doing it now.

David Kaney

3RD GRADE PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS

The third grade made president reports and read them orally to the class. They did them because Mrs. Tranel thinks it's important for students to know about the presidents of the past and it introduces the third graders to the encyclopedia. Social Studies was the subject they did it for. They had to fill out an outline for their report and then do their report.

David Kaney

6TH GRADE VISITS PUTNAM

The 6th grade took a trip to the past. They went to the Putnam Dinosaur Exhibit. The Putnam Museum is located on Division St. in Davenport. The display was on three levels and included moving models and educational displays. All the kids liked it. The trip lasted about one hour. The Dinosaur Exhibit is a traveling display. The kids thought the best thing was the moving replicas.

Travis Lott

WE WON!!

BASKETBALL WINNERS

The first place team for this years basketball program felt good and happy about it. For the 1987 season the first place team was Jim Varcho's team. The team had lots of fun, especially Eric Varcho. They liked their coach a lot and hope to have him next year. Some of the team players thought they would have first place and some thought that they wouldn't, but all thought they had fun.

Ryan Bemrich

SPECIAL EVENTS

FIELD DAY

Field Day is a big day for the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the district. They all meet at the football stadium in Eldridge for a day of fun. There are 35 events in Field Day. Field DAy took place on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of May. We have Field Day to learn friendly competition. It's a day kids never forget.

Ryan Bemrich

FITNESS AWARDS

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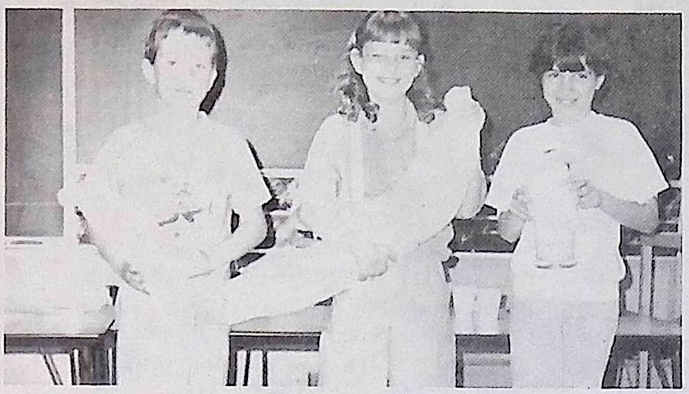
The 1988 fitness award winners were:
front row-Natalie Lung, Shawna Kearney, Nicole Petersen, Jerry Reidel, Eric Harper,, and Scott Oster.
Back row- Michelle Orcutt, Matt Fite, Steve Parrott, Corey Willie, and Heather Siegler. I know they worked hard at this.

Nick Rush

Library Fun



Winners of Banana Race (L,R) J.J. Guntroad, Jessica Wehlage, and Laura Walker.

BANANA RACE

In the third quarter the 4th grade did a race. It was called the Banana Race. It was an activity where students learned library skills by answering questions written on "bananas". Laura Walker won 1st place, Jessica Wehlage won 2nd, and J.J. Gruntorad won 3rd. Mrs. Varcho thinks most of the kids liked working on the bananas and she hopes to do it again nest year.

The prizes for the winners were stuffed bananas. The 1st place team got harmonicas shaped like a banana. Laura, Jessica, and J.J. all liked their prizes and thought it was hard to keep going in the race, but it was worth it.

Laura got 167 bananas and her goal was to do all of them. Jessica got 116 bananas and her goal was 200. J.J. got 92 bananas and his goal was also 200.

All the bananas added together was 1616. The most ever done in one year was 2207, and that was last year. Jessica and J.J. were satisfied with 2nd and 3rd and Laura was very pleased with 1st. All of the winners liked their prizes. I think the banana race was fun.

Nicole Petersen

First Place Team, Top (L,R) Mike Link, Kim Hendricks, and Eric Varcho. Bottom Laura Walker, and Scott Oster

BEAR RACE

If you've never heard of the Bear Race and are wondering what it is, I'll tell you. The 5th grade does it. They look in encyclopedias for answers. They get stuffed bears at the end of the race. The winning teams get little bears. They eat a bear shaped cake, The minimum they have to do is 5 bears. Mrs. Varcho thought of the idea. She plans to give the race next year. 1st place last year was Cassie Dawson with 114, 2nd was Tracy Hawker with 98, and Michelle Orcutt with 96. It is easy if you understand it.

Laura Walker

Did You Know?

THE PICKLE RACE

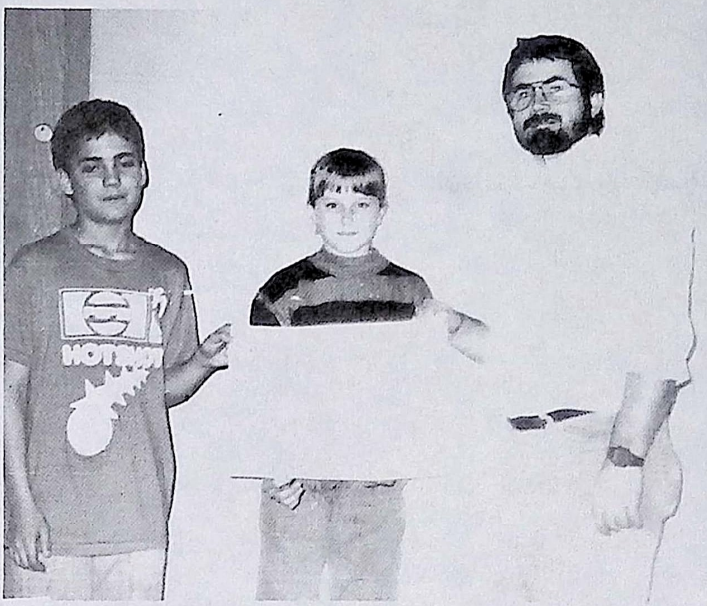
There are 4 different races in the school library for grades 3-6 and the Pickle Race is one of them. The sixth grade does it. They do what they call specil references. It uses things like the World Almanac. Like all other races here somepeople get bored. You can't please everyone. They do the race in the 2nd quarter. It was a super close race this year. The winners were: 1st-Ryan Betts with 48 pickles, 2nd-Jeremy Hammer with 40 pickles, and 3rd was Andrea Baker with 38.

In all races the kids get a little noisy, because they're excited, this one included. They win a super pickle, an inflatable pickle and a pickle visor. The library has done this race for 9 years. Mrs. Varcho said they will either do this or a dinosaur race next year. The winning team gets Pickle Soap or Pickle Buttons, and they either have Pickle Cake or a Pickle Tasting party. I think the Pickle Race seems real fun.

Jessica Wehlage

PINK ELEPHANT RACE

The third grade did a race called The Pink Elephant Race. There are questions that are answered by using a dictionary. First, second, and third place get stuffed elephants that are pink. The winning teams get little surprises. Last years winners were Scott Oster, Jessica Wehlage, and Laura Walker. Some people think it is easy and some people think it is hard. Mrs. Varcho thought of it. The minimum that every student must do is 5. At the end of the contest they eat elephant shaped cake. (Look for this years winners in the fall edition.)



WHAT A COINCIDENCE

In Mr. Miller's class there was a coincidence that he thinks will never happen again. The coincidence was that Jenny Shouse, Jay Nichols, and Mr. Miller all have March 4th birthdays!!

They had one party on March 3rd and the other on March 4th. Mr. Miller told us that they ate like pigs. Jay, Jenny, and Mr. Miller would like to tell you that March 4th people are cool.

Scott Oster

Library

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

I interviewed Mrs. Varcho and She told me about the importance of Campbell Soup Labels. She told me that the class that collects the most labels win a popcorn party. The winners this year were Mrs. Tranel's 3rd grade in September, and Mrs. Green's 6th grade in January. In addition, a store collected soup labels for us and so did lots of families. They will probably do it next year. The labels are used to get free equipment for our media center.

Alissa Martin

READ-A-MILLION MINUTES

Read-a-million minutes was in February. It was run by Mrs. DeCoster. 223,345 minutes were read in all. The state of Iowa has made a million minutes 5 years in a row. I asked Mrs. DeCoster what class had read the most and her answer was that she and Mr. Albertson decided that they didn't to make it a competitive thing, so they didn't keep track of individual classes. Mrs. DeCoster didn't think they would do it again next year because it seems as if the Pizza Hut's Book-It program is more popular. I think trying to get a million minutes was a real challenge.

Nicole Petersen

BOOK-IT

Book-It is a great way to encourage kids to read. Thats why Pizza Hut started it. By reading so many books kids earned free pizzas from Pizza Hut. The kids love Book-It because you get pizza. Also, for every class that made their class goal, Pizza Hut gave them a free pizza party right at school. Mrs. DeCoster said she loves Book-It, too. Can you believe we ate 26 pizzas on the final day of Book-It?

Alissa Martin

THE SKILL WHEEL IN THE LIBRARY

The skill wheel is really neat. It is an individual library skill program. 3-6 graders do it. They do 8 different stations of work. They do it during library skills time (except when they are doing special contests). They have been doing the skill wheel for about 5 years now. Mrs. Varcho plans to do it again next year. I think the library skill wheel seems real neat.

Jessica Wehlage

COMPUTER LAB & MICROZINE MADNESS

COMPUTER LAB

There's a new look at Armstrong; it's the Computer Lab. It's setup and running with more computers than ever. The school gets the computers from an Iowa Consortium and from Cinarco Elliott. The school got half the money from the PTO and the other half from a Government Grant. The school gets a few computers a year. The computers were moved so Mrs. Varcho and other teachers can watch the students. Nei Armstrong got 3 new computers this year. The school will probably get new computers this summer and the next school year.

Eric Crane

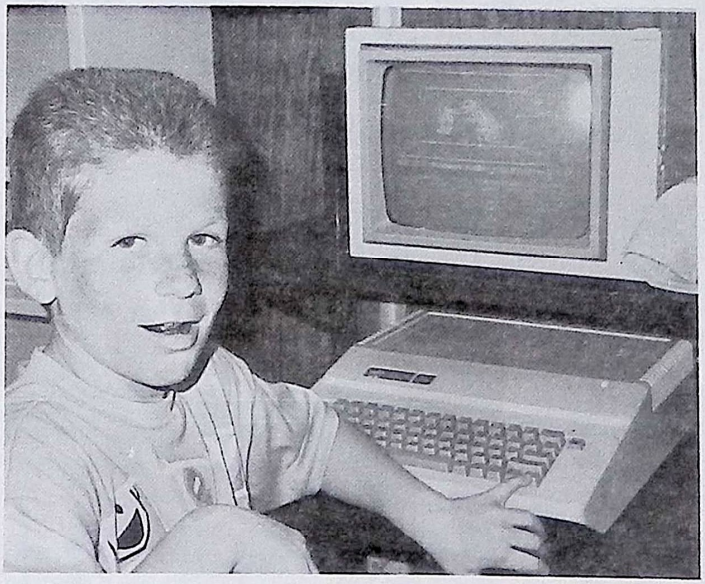
MICROZINE MADNESS

Microzines are game disks (programs). Fifth, sixth, and fourth grades use the disks. They reinforce reading, math, and language. Some can be 5 minutes to an hour. Microzines are the schools. I interviewed Troy Rathbun and Jenny Shouse. Their favorites are HISTORY MYSTERY, SNOOPER TROOPS, MISSION MIXUP, AND THE FUN HOUSE CAPER. They recommended Microzines. I also use Microzines. They are interesting and I think you should use them. Thank you Jenny Shouse and Troy Rathbun for helping me with this article.

Mike Kelly

4TH GRADE MYSTERIES

I interviewed Mrs. Anderson about 4th grade mystery stories and she said she had the 4th grade do them because they have to do a lot of deductive thinking, look for clues, use elaborative thinking, and it demands a lot of creativity. 4th grade is the only grade doing mysteries. 4th graders learn a lot of things by studying mysteries, like working together in groups of two or three, keeping organization, using the Appleworks computer program, looking for clues, summarizing, suing resource books, and looking for patterns. It is hard to help every group, but most people can work independently. She got the idea when she heard some kids talk about how much they liked mysteries. She closed by saying that her TAG students learned a lot.



Here's Troy Rathbun playing his favorite game "History Mystery!"

2 ND GRADE

2ND GRADE WATERMELON DAY

Watermelon Day is when second graders do activities on watermelons. Watermelon Day is the last week of school and the second grade has Watermelon Day to do normal activities in a fun way.
Yes, second grade has Watermelon Day every year and when they have Watermelon Day, they really have a good time. Some of the things that the second graders do are guessing how many seeds are in the watermelon, and how much it weighs. After lunch they each get a slice of watermelon and they save the seeds in there slice until the end of the day and they have a watermelon seed auction.

Jenny Flemming

HEALTH UNIT BREAKFAST

What is a Health Unit Breakfast? It's a special event at the end of the year for 2nd graders. They had something from each food group. They had egg cassorole, banana bread, milk, and juice. It sound like a good and nutricious snack.

Jackie Jutting

JAIL AND COURTHOUSE VISITED

The 2nd graders got to go to the jail and courthouse. they saw the cells, the kitchen, the prisoners make their own food, and also the prisoner's recreation room, or fun room. They also saw the control room which was filled with monitors. It was also fun having a talk with the judge and the secretary. The kids said it was cool.

Jackie Jutting

SECOND GRADE RELAY DAY

Relay Day is something like Field Day. The 2nd graders have Relay Day because they are too young to have Field Day and they just want to have fun outdoors. Relay Day is about the last week of school. When the 2nd graders have Relay Day they really have a good time. They have Relay Day every year. Some of the things that the 2nd graders do are houlahoop races, obstical races, and a lot of other different relay races.

Jenny Flemming

POST OFFICE FIELD TRIP

Our 2nd graders took a trip to the post office. Jennifer Kaney, Meghan Guss, and Derek Schnorrenberg all thought the post office was ok. Amanda Spies learned that some people have private mail boxes and Curtis Boedeker learned that the workers have cards to punch when they come to work. The 2nd graders went to the post office in October. The trip to the post office had to do with Social Studies and communittees. Yes, the 2nd graders are going next year and the kids enjoyed it.

Jenny Flemming

PENPAL PICNIC

The 2nd grader's penpals are from Ed White School. The teacher said that the kids really enjoy it. It is a real good oportunity for the kids to get to know other students from other schools and practice their writing skills. I wish I could have a picnic with my penpal!!

Jackie Jutting

PUTNAM MUSEUM

The second graders went to the exhibit called "Dinosaurs Alive." There was a brontosaurus that was 10 feet long. They saw five different kinds of dinosaurs. They made noise and moved. The baby was 3 feet tall and 4 feet long. Boy, I'd hate to see real dinosaurs!

Jackie Jutting

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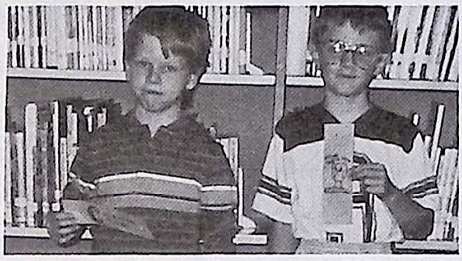
THE BOOKMARK CONTEST

The people who were chosen by the AEA for the best bookmarker were Paul M. from 2nd grade and Ryan Ott from 1st grade. The Neil Armstrong Committee picked one kid from each grade level. They were
Chrissy Boedeker, David Templin, Patrick O'flarhity,
Scott Oster, Jessica Wehlage, Amanda Conners, Allison Goebel, Michelle Uzzo, and Lisa Morey. At the end of the year, these kids will get a certificate.

Jackie Jutting



TERRY RATHUE

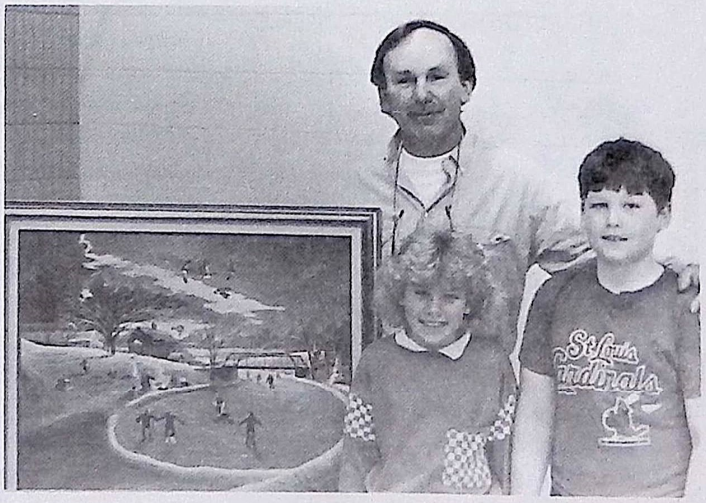
Terry is a Long Grove watercolor Artist. Terry does watercolors and signs. His hometown is Dewitt. He was about in his teens when he decided he wanted to be an artist. Terry liked art and thought he might be good at it so he went to the University of Iowa and art school to become an artist. Yes, watercolors have always been Terry's best in painting.

Jenny Flemming

PAT COSTELLO

Who is Pat Costello? Pat Costello is an artist from Maquoketa, Iowa. He does beautiful pictures of wildlife. He lives on the upper part of a mill. Below his house he has a studio. When he started painting he was 19. 5 out of 5 kids say he is a good artist and painter. Pat is a good artist who started by advertising. Everybody enjoyed his talk and neat pictures.

Jackie Jutting

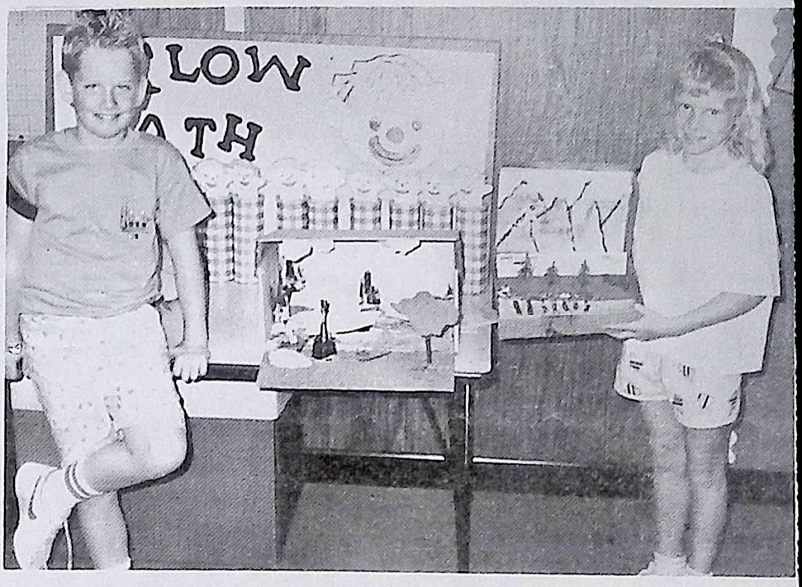


3RD Contests

CAMPBELLS SOUP LABEL PARTY

Mrs. Tranel's class brought in Campbell Soup labels and came in third place, she thinks. she said she had no ideea of who thought of the party. They had popcorn and a movie. She said they were good about bringing them in.

Jeremy Jones



CALENDAR CONTEST

Each month the 3rd grade puts the temperature, the date, and the weather on a calendar, and the person that does the best job can choose any candy bar they like. They do it to encourage the kids to write the time, date, days, and months. This is the first year they've been doing it. Some of the 3rd grade winners are Mike, Billy, Chris, Kyle, and Jennifer. The contest will continue because the calendars are fun.

David Kaney

MARCH SPELLING CONTEST

Third grade had a spelling contest in March. Mrs. Tranel's class won the contest. The class as a whole tries to get as many perfect papers as they can before March is over. They have been having this raced for the last 5 or 6 years. Mrs. Tranel said that she hopes the kids learned something, like to study for spelling.

Jeremy Jones

DIORAMA CONTEST

This year something new was going on, the 3rd grade Diorama Contest. Katie Rashid is the first person to win the Diorama Contest. There were no second and third places. Mrs. Tranel said that it is an interesting way of doing a report that's not a paper and pencil report. Second graders can count on having the diorama report next year.

David Kaney

3RD's PLAYS

PUPPET PLAYS

The third grade did 5 puppet plays. Some of the plays were THE EASTER EGG HUNT, BAD DAY IN SCHOOL, and IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. They say they will do it again. The things they used to put on the play were a brown cardboard box and 8 feet of white paper that they had to write out their skit on. They made the stuff in groups of about 4 and 5 people.

Eric Varcho

THIRD GRADE ACTORS

Third grade has done two plays and they were ANASTASHA, THE AFRICAN SPIDER and THE QUEEN'S FLOWERS. The plays were done in the classroom. The third grade performed them for the kdg., 1st and 2nd graders and about 15 parents.

Eric Varcho

FIELD TRIPS

A VISIT TO LOCK AND DAM 15 AND THE ARSENAL

The third grade went to Lock and Dam 15 and the Arsenal for a field trip and they have been going there for 10 years. First they went to Lock and Dam 15 and then they went to the Arsenal for a tour. Then they ate at the Arsenal, and then they went to the Arsenal Museum. The fact that it ties in with a Social Studies unit, it's educational, and the students enjoy it is why they've been going on it for 10 years and why they plan to go in the future.

David Kaney

QUITE A TRIP...

Ten years ago the 3rd grade started going to Niabi Zoo, the Rock Museum, and the John Deere Planetarium. They have been going on this field trip because it ties in with their science units on the solar system, rocks, and lions. First they went to Augustana College where there was a presentation on rocks, then the Rock Museum, and finally the planetarium. Then, they had lunch at the zoo and then went through the zoo. Mrs. Tranel does plan on going again in the future.

David Kaney

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM FIELDTRIP

The third grade has been doing this field trip for 1 year. They are going to try to keep going on this one to see the other exhibits that might come to the museum. The teachers think that the kids learned somethings at the museum. The teacher thinks that it was a good experience.

Eric Varcho

GREAT

4th FIELD TRIPS

4TH VISITS MUSEUM AND SYMPHONY

4th graders went to a symphony and the Bettendorf Children's Museum on April 6th, 1988. At the museum kids liked the TV room best, but didn't care too much for the trick mirrors. The symphony was at the Masonic Temple in Davenport. Nearly all the 4th graders in the area were there.

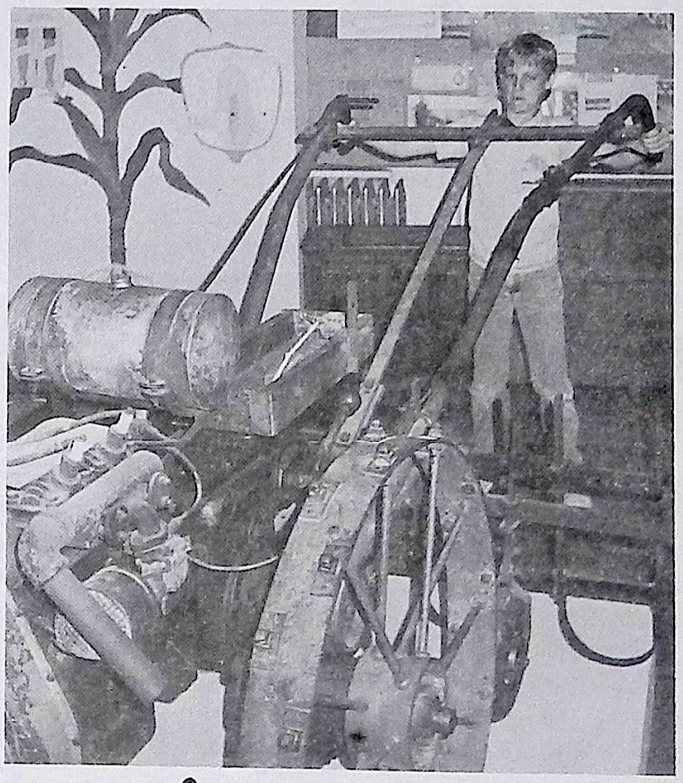
Alissa Martin

From left Shawna Kearney and Jessica King.

IOWA CITY FIELD TRIP

The fourth grade took a very interesting field trip last October. They went to Iowa City. They went to Carver Hawkeye Arena, the Old Capitol, and Iowa Hall while they were there. Mr. Atkins said they would defintely do it again next year because everyone has lots of fun. Mr. ATkins has been doing thius for 6 years now. He only likes one field trip more than going to Iowa City, and that's the Riverboat Ride. This year the fourth graders saw the boy's basketball team as well as the other fun things. The lunch was very special, too, because they got to eat at a real neat park. Mr. Atkins said he thinks it's the kid's favorite field trip, and 5 out of 7 kids said it was. I think there are so many fun field trips I couldn't decide what I liked the best.

Jessica Wehlage



Ryan Bemrich At the Bettendorf Childrens Museum.

4th

4TH GRADE PLAYS

Have you ever heard of the stories MIDAS' GOLDEN TOUCH, or PANDORA'S BOX? Well you probably have if you went to MEET THE SUPERINTENDENT NIGHT at Armstrong. On February 11th, 4th grade did 2 plays. It only took the 4th grade about 30 minutes to do the plays. The main characters for the plays were Scott Oster as King Midas, Nicole Petersen as Pandora, and Mike Kelly as Zeus. Mr. Atkins said it took about two weeks for the 4th graders to learn their parts. I think the 4th graders did a good job on their plays and the crowd loved it.

Nicole Petersen

From Midas' Golden Touch and Pandoras Box, Top (left, to right) Travis Lott, Eric Uarcho. Bottom Laura Walker, Scott Oster, and Nick Rush. Picture By Nicole Petersen

DOUBLE PENPALS

Fourth grade was really busy this year writing to penpals. The reason is that they had penpals in both Davenport and Bowling Green, Ohio. Besides learning a lot about letter writing, they learned about other schools and places. As a special activity, the class made a special book on Iowa and sent it to Ohio. Also they sent both places a video tape of their plays that they did in February.

ECOLOGY DAY

Ecology Day has been going on for at least eight years. It started to give the kids a chance to learn about nature in the outdoors firsthand. k-6 go to Ecology Day. It is hard work to setup for Ecology Day. The teachers plan weeks ahead and work especially hard the night before and the morning of Ecology Day settingup. Parents, teachers, and office staff work at Ecology Day. The kids are excited about being in the outdoors. Ecology Day is at Scott County Park. It is sometimes in the fall and sometimes in the spring, but always fun.

Jeremy Weiss

STEAMBOAT A COMIN'

Can you think of a better way to spend a nice, peaceful morning than on a riverboat ride? Well, that's exactly what the 4th grade class did along with all the 4th graders in the North Scott District. On May 12th they boarded at 9:00 a.m. and floated up and down the Mississippi River for about an hour. This activity went along with several Social Studies and Science units that the kids have studied this year.

MATH CLOCKS

Mr. Atkins' class had an unusual assignment this year. They had to make clocks by themselves!! He had his students do them to help with the math unit on time. He wouldn't let the kids have a contest because he just wanted to keep it fun.

He plans to do math clocks for many years. He started math clocks five years ago. He gave grades on math clocks. They are usually A's and B's. There was a good variety of clocks this year. The good thing about them is that he lets us use them when we do worksheets and tests.

Laura Walker

ELECTRICITY PROJECTS

The 4th grade did very interesting projects in the first quarter for science. They were made out of batteries and bulbs to show the many uses of electricity. All 4th graders did the projects and got graded on them. It was kind of a tough assignment. Mr. Atkins said he thought the kids liked it and he was just about right. 4 out of 5 kids said they liked it. I think it was a real neat project.

Jessica Wehlage

MORE...

6TH GRADE PICNIC

My interview is on the 6th grade picnic. The sixth graders all go over to Scott County Park for it. Mrs. Green liked it a lot last year and looks forward to it this year. She thinks it's a nice reward for all the hard work the kids do during the year. It doesn't change a lot from one year to the next. It's lots of fun. The kids have always liked it. It was on June 3rd. The whole class biked over to Scott County park to have it. That's a lot of work.

Travis Lott

MATH BEE

I learned a lot about the math bee. This is a program sponsored by the AEA to test people with high math abilities. When you are picked, it is a real honor. You can win ribbons, medals, and trophies. It is a valuable experience in Mrs. Green's opinion. Mrs. Green likes it a lot. The kids that went to the math bee are Ryan Betts, Angela Schnorenburg, Jeremy Hammer, and Theresa Boedeker. They all did very well.

Travis Lott

SAFETY PATROL

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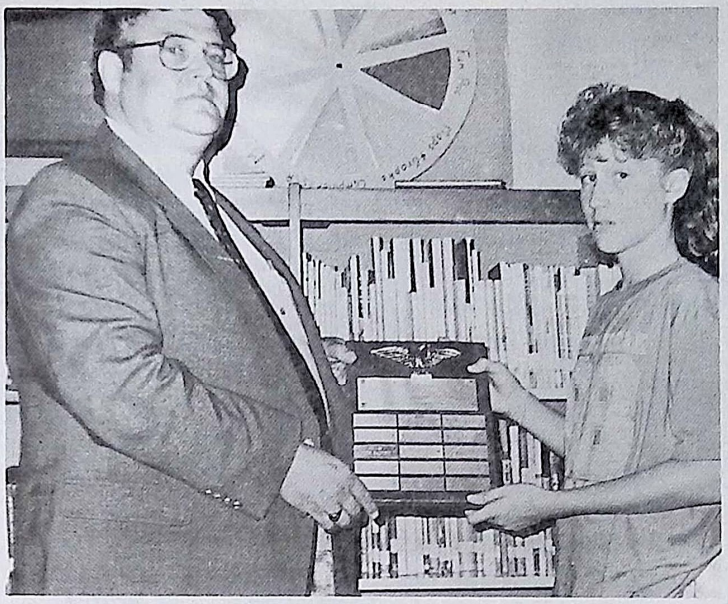
The Safety Patrol has really been busy this year making Neil Armstrong a safer place for it's students. In fact, some members have done such a good job that they have earned Gold Badges. These badges were given out throughout the year, since September. Gold Badge winners from September through April were: Michelle Orcutt, Molly Kiefer, Nikki Lung, Kendra Gruntorad, Allison Goebel, Tod Cavender, Stacy West, Eddie Krebs, Michelle Venker, Jenny Shouse, Missy Jacobsen, Robyn Harms, Amanda Conners, Gayla Musgrave, Jeremy Kincaid, Chad Metcalf, Tracy Hawker, and Mike Pence. The captains were Ryan Betts and Angie Schnorrenberg. The lieutenants were Susan Jorde, Shelly McPhail, Betsy Knott, and Theresa Boedeker. Susan Jorde replaced Jason Burnhart as a lieutenant. The stations they covered were Parkview Drive, Hillside Drive, Valley Drive, and the front door. Safety Patrol has been on since the first year of our school. Mrs. Green said the kids are to enforce basic safety rules, but, she added, safety at Neil Armstrong is the job of all the kids, not just the Safety Patrol.

Jeremy Weiss



NEIL ARMSTRONG'S STUDENT COUNCIL

There are 24 people on the student council. The president is Theresa Boedeker, the vice president is Susan Jorde, and the treasurer is Justin Ross. They have made money for the Big Toy, the popcorn machine, library books, the food pantry, computer software, the stereo and recording system, the frisbee golf course, the trophy case, Famine Relief, and Ecology Day. There is a plaque in our main hall showing this. They have really done a lot of good things for our school.

Jeremy Jones

SUPER JOB!

5th GRADE

5TH GRADE PRACTICUM TEACHER

This year, 5th grade had a practicum teacher. In case you're wondering what a practicum teacher is, it's a teacher that's like a helper, but has not finished college yet. They hope to be a teacher someday.

The teacher's name is Mrs. Snelling. I was talking to Mr. Miller, a 5th grade teacher, about her, and he said she is very helpful, nice, has patients, and a sense of humor. He also thinks she will make a good fulltime teacher. Mrs. snelling started April 5th and stopped April 29th. Mr. Miller said it was just a coincidence that he knew her in Jr. High School and then met her again this year in 5th grade.

Jason Miller

5TH GRADE FAMILY TREES

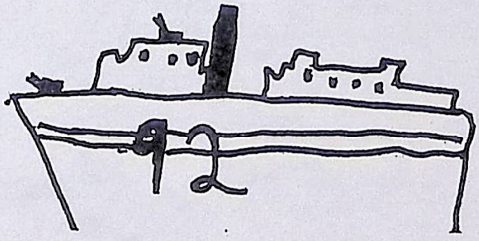
The 5th grade kids did family trees in April. The kids were very interested in learning about their family. They liked it a lot. Some will probably do it again on their own. With family trees, they study history and learn about their ancestors.

Jason Miller

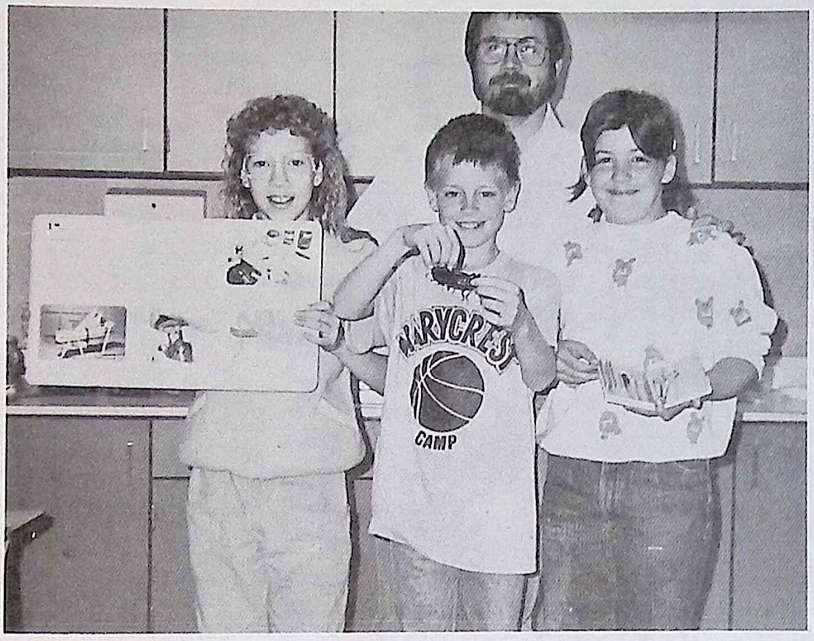
S.S. MEDITERRANEAN

Mrs. Pfaff's 5th grade writes to tne captain and crew of a ship called the Mediterranean. It is ten stories high. They write to the captain and crew and they write back 3 times a year. The class sent a video tape at Christmas, and the ship sent back some special things, too, like hats. This is her 2nd year doing this exciting activity.

Scott Oster



SCIENCE



Left to right Allison, Cris, and Cassie.

SCIENCE FUN

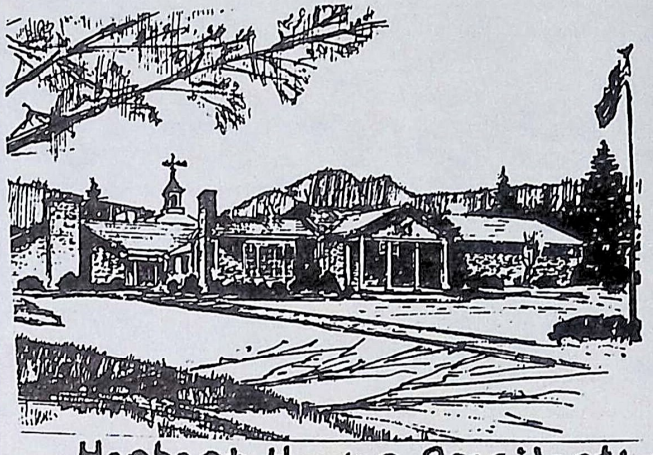
In 5th grade the kids dissected grasshoppers. They looked at about 32 different parts of the body.
And, no, the kids can't keep the parts. They ordered the grasshoppers from a supply house. The tools they used were a skalpel, scissors, forceps, and dissecting needles. I asked Tia, Allison, Eric, and Lynnette what they thought about doing this activity. They said that at first it was gross, but now they say it's fun, neat, and exciting. They also told me that they would like to look at the brain, but they can't.

Scott Oster

ODE TO A MEALWORM

Ode to a Mealworm is when 5th grade kids wrote a poem about a mealworm. Most kids liked it. I can tell some really go into it, like Chad Boley and Dan Maas. They did a mealworm rap and a mealworm comedy. Mr. Miller has been doing this on and off for ten years. Ode to a Mealworm sounds like fun to me.

Jason Miller



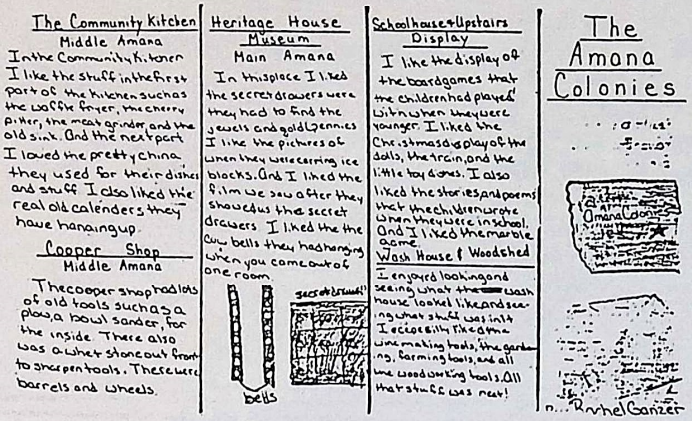
Herbert Hoover Presidential Library.

WEST BRANCH FIELD TRIP

Mrs. Pfaff has organized a trip for the fifth graders to West Branch. They are going to study Iowa History, Herbert Hoover, and see somethings about each president. They will go to the grave of Herbert Hoover. There is a huge library there that they are also going to see. If you are wondering why they are going there, it is because of Social Studies and the things they are studying. They might have a picnic lunch. Mrs. Pfaff said that they will have fun.

Scott Oster

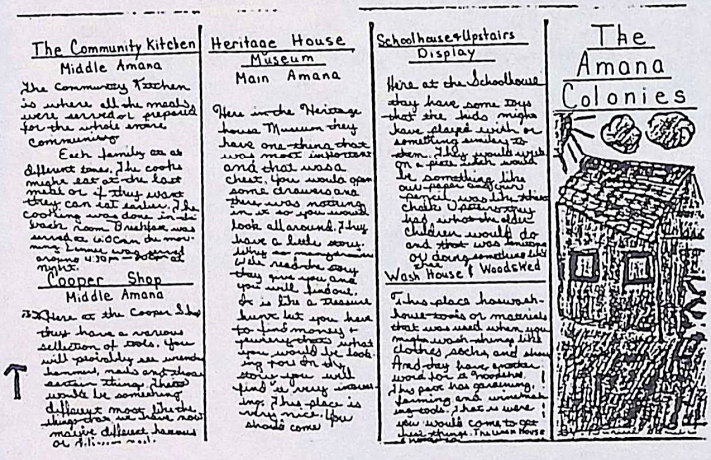
AMANA COLONIES


The Community Kitchen
Middle Amana
In the Community Kitchen I like the stuff in the first part of the kitchen such as the waffle fryer, the cherry pitter, the meat grinder, and the old sink. And the next part I loved the pretty china they used for their dishes and stuff I also liked the real old calenders they have hanging up.
Cooper Shop
Middle Amana
The cooper shop had lots of old tools such as a plane, a bowl sander, for the inside. There also was a whet stone out front to sharpen tools. They were barrels and wheels.
Heritage House
Museum
Main Amana
In this place I liked the secret drawers were they had to find the jewels and gold pennies I like the pictures of women they were carring ice blocks. And I liked the film we saw after they showed us the secret drawers I liked the the cow bells they had hanging when you come out of one room.
secret drawer
bells
Schoolhouse & Upstairs
Display
I like the display of the boardgames that the children had played with when they were younger. I liked the Christmas display of the dolls, the train, and the little toy dishes. I also liked the stories and poems that the children wrote when they were in school. And I liked the marble game.
Wash House & Woodshed
I enjoyed looking and seeing what the wash house looked like and seeing what stuff was in it I especially like the cabinet making tools, the gardening, farming tools, and all the woodworking tools. All that stuff was neat!
The Amana Colonies
Rachel Ganzer

AMANA COLONIES

The sixth grade went to the Amana Colonies on October 2nd, 1987. It is about 85 minutes from Parkview and they left at 7:45 a.m. and got home at 5:00 p.m. They visited the Barn Museum, the Broom and Basket Shop, the Schanz Furniture Shop, the Copper Shop, and other interesting things. They learned what it was like to live in the 1800's in a communal. Mrs. Coffman felt that everybody had a really good time. Mrs. Coffman said kids would like to go again.

Jessica Wehlage

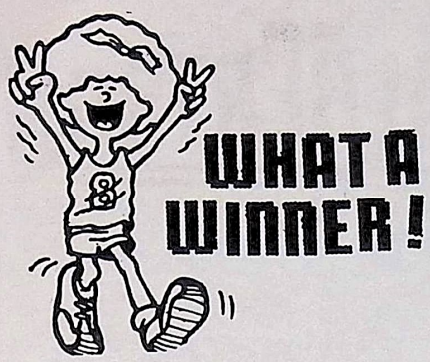

The Community Kitchen
Middle Amana
The Community Kitchen is where all the meals were served or prepared for the whole town community
Each family ate at different times. The cooks might eat at the last meal or if they were busy they can eat earlier. The cooking was done in the back room. Breakfast was served at 6:00 a.m. the noon time was served at 12:30 and supper at 4:30 p.m. at night.
Cooper Shop
Middle Amana
There at the Cooper Shop they have a various collection of tools. You will probably see wooden barrels, meals and other various things that would be something different most things that we have now make different barrels or different meals.
Heritage House
Museum
Main Amana
Here in the Heritage house Museum they have one thing that was most interesting and that was a chest. You would open some drawers and there was nothing in it so you would look all around. They have a little story like an imagination like that. So they give you one you will find out. So is the treasure hunt but you have to find money + jewelry stuff like that you would look for. So as you will find "a" very unusual thing. This place is very nice. You should come!
Schoolhouse & Upstairs
Display
Here at the Schoolhouse they have some toys that the kids might have played with or something similar to them. The upstairs is a place that would be something like our paper and pencil you play like this Chalk Board thing. Deaf, what the elder children would do and that was known as doing something like that.
Wash House & Woodshed
This place has wash house tools or materials that was used when you made wash things like clothes, sacks and stuff. And they have broken wood for a problem. This part has gardening, farming and miniature farming tools that we were! You would come to get fun things. The Wash House is neat.
The Amana Colonies

HAWAII UNIT

6TH GRADE HAWAII UNIT

The 6th grade paid a visit to Hawaii and didn't even leave their room. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Coffmann have designed a unit that is made up of a group of centers, books, films, and other activities based on Hawaii. In 1980 Mrs. Coffmann and Mrs. Green took a college class that went to Hawaii. The kids learned that the state that once was a kingdom is Hawaii. On the island of Hawaii, Kilauea can. erupt 20 times a year or more. They made a placemat and bookmark, and a sand petroglyph rubbing. They have been doing it for eight years. It is a lot of fun and work. They do it in the classroom. They feel it gives the kids a taste of the Hawaiian culture.

Jeremy Weiss



TAG Exceptional Effort . . .

GETTING TO KNOW MRS. ANDERSON

This article is about Mrs. Anderson. She has been teaching TAG for 5 years now. She enjoys it a lot. Mrs. Anderson taught 3rd grade for 1 year and 2nd the rest of the time before she started TAG. She taught at Ed White before Neil Armstrong opened in 1976. When she started teaching TAG, she taught at all 5 elementary schools. If she could pick any profession, she would keep doing what she is doing now. She has always wanted to be a teacher and went to Marycrest College in Davenport. I found out a lot of interesting things about Mrs. Anderson.

Jessica Wehlage

EGYPT

Did you know that spells Egypt? There aren't any vowels,, so it really says GPT. This is just one thing the fourth grade TAG students learned when they started Egypt projects in the first semester. I asked Mrs. Anderson If she thought the fourth grade liked working on the projects and she said the ones who got started the quickest, seemed to enjoy them better. She thinks the kids learned a lot about groups and really liked the skills. Also, next year Mrs. Anderson said that she will probably do something similar to the project again. And it was fun for her, also.

Nicole Petersen

FUTURE BOWL

Future Bowl is a special activity that involves problem solving based on some problems in the future. 5th, 6th, and 7th grade TAG students do the Future Bowl. Mrs. Anderson said she loved working with the kids and she hopes she can do it again next year. She does future bowl so the kids can really use their TAG skills. She said it's hard at first, but fun after they get going. The topics for next year are Energy Sources, Kids in the Law, and Nutrition. So, it you're planning to be in TAG next year, be prepared.

Alissa Martin

COMPUTER CONTEST AND ROBOTS

On April 22nd, Jessica Wehlage, David Kaney, and Mike Kelly went to a computer contest at Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency. They had 2 hours to get as many problems solved as they could using Logo--a computer language. They got 2 out of 5 done and they tried the rest. When they got done, they went ot GENNISES, a robot testing company. They learned how people program robots, how the robots see, and saw some big control boxes. I think they had a fun day.

Jessica Wehlage

WRITING CENTER & MR. ALBERTSON

THE WRITING CENTER

Where would you go to get a book published at Neil Armstrong? The Writing Center of course. The Writing Center is a room with book covers, a laminating machine, and typewriters. They have made at least 100 books this year. They make the most books for first grade. They make a book at the writing center by first having someone write a story. Then they bring it to the writing center to be bound, typed, and put together. Mary Thomas' favorite book is THE CURSED JEWELS OF TUTANKEMEN. She implied that making a book there is fun.

Mike Kelly

Marti Bradbury helping Fawn Waack make a book.

TAG!!

MR. ALBERTSON

Mr. Albertson is a nice principal. He really cares about kids. He shows this by praising and rewarding them. For example, he visits lots of classrooms and tells the class that a child who might have had a perfect test score did great. There's also the 6th grade Presidential Academic Award that he loves to give out. Mr. Albertson commits himself to making sure the kids have good schooling. He's very proud of the school's ITBS scores, too. Mr. Albertson has been a principal for 21 years, lets make his 22nd a great one.

Mike Kelly

NEW KIDS IN TAG

There are a lot of new kids in TAG this year. Just this year they got 19 new kids in the talent pool. There names are:

3rd grade: Matt Thompkinson, Jill Nibel, Jessica Schuler, Tiffany Healy, Teresa McCann, Christopher Montgomery, Megan Gagne, and Shandy.

4th grade: Nicole Petersen, Jason Miller, David Kaney, Jason Boedeker.

5th grade: Jenny Shouse, Jesse Runde.

6th grade: Susie Jorde, Justin Ross, Michelle Uzzo, and Teresa Boedeker.

With all those new kids there are now 30 kids in this school's talent pool class. I think there are a lot of kids in TAG, and that's neat.

Jessica Wehlage

Odds & Ends...

Memories

THE THING I'LL REMEMBER MOST ABOUT NEIL ARMSTRONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS (ARE):

that all the teachers thought something of you.
Jeremy Hammer

the teachers being helpful and nice . I like gym class because it's fun and you can be active.
Mike Mossage

how the teachers were nice. Also, the Big Toy.
Justin Ross

my friends and the teachers.
Angie Schnorrenberg

the not so good school lunches and all the teachers.
Brian Hasse

all the good looking teachers except for Mr. Miller, Mr. Mac, and Mr. A.
Steve Hohnecker

the teachers and the principal, and all the good times I had.
Nikki Lung

all the great teachers.
Susan Jorde

the teachers and how nice and how much they cared about us.
Ryan Betts

the warmth and kindness of the teachers.
Derek Reichert

the teachers I had. Also, all the homework I had to do and especially in 6th grade and how they worked us.
Eddie Krebs

the nice teachers, nice playground, and the hard work I had to do.
Erron Halen

the yucky school lunch and all of the nice teachers.
Lisa Morey

the teachers and how they helped us, and the Eagle Marathon.
Robyn Harms

the basketball and Mrs. Green.
James Maschmann

the teachers because they are nice and understanding and Mr. Mac.
Stacy West

all the homework we had, the best teachers you could ask for, and the fun things like learning centers, and games everywhere.
Danelle Stender

the teachers, all the teachers here are really nice, especially the sixth grade teachers, they're the best.
Brandon Nebel

the teachers, they're nice, caring, and always willing to help.
Michelle Uzzo

all of my teachers because they were all a part of my life. Even if they were subs, because like I said, they were a part of my life. Also, Mr. Albertson.
Missy Jacobsen

the teachers. I liked every single teacher I had in this school because they were always there when you needed them.
Tammy Hartman

the nice and the people I met.
Rachel Ganzer

Mrs. Nevenhoven in first grade, Mrs. Lawler in fourth grade, Mrs. Schanze in 2nd grade, Mr. Miller in 5th grade, and Mrs. Coffmann in 6th grade.
Michael Maschmann

the playground.
Brendon Kelly

all the teachers. They're always on your case, never letting you give up, and eventually you try harder.

Teresa Boedeker

the teachers are nice and dependable, the things like assemblies, and Ecology Day that were planned just for us.
Melanie Coverdill

the teachers, the classes, the learning centers, my friends, and all the fun I had with class, and Mrs. Coffmann. Also, field trips and special parties.
Ryan Dugan

well, I've only been here for 2 days, but the teachers are what I'll remember most, plus new friends.
Christie Swims

the teachers and what they have done for me.
Jeremy Kincaid

the teachers that are patient, and help us and have faith in us.
Shelly McPhail

the teachers are nice and how much homework we had to do.
Shelly Bolte

all the nice teachers and the nice principal we had. Plus, our school is the only school in North Scott District with air conditioning.
Betsy Knott

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